



September 17, 2014

The Honorable Wayne Schmidt
Chairman, Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
House of Representatives
374 Capitol Building
P O Box 30014
Lansing MI 48909

Dear Chairman Schmidt:

I am writing today on behalf of the board and 174 members of the Michigan Movers Association (MMA) to express our support for HB 5714 as sponsored by Representative Michael McCready. This bill makes numerous technical updates to The Motor Carrier Act and is an important step in modernizing consumer protections, clarifying the enforcement role and authority of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) and promoting quality of service within the moving industry.

The Michigan Movers Association spent a considerable amount of time working closely with the MPSC staff to evaluate the Act and develop appropriate amendatory language. Our final review of the bill today resulted in the MMA suggesting several minor language amendments upon which the MPSC agreed and will be offered through their legislative liaison prior to the 9/23 hearing.

We encourage the committee to adopt these friendly amendments and report the bill favorably on September 23. These updates are long overdue and will help protect consumers while giving the MPSC the tools to more effectively regulate the moving industry.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Donnelly K. Eurich
Executive Manager

Cc: Nicholas Nwabueze, MPSC
Members of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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